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Foreign Secretary appalled by reports of massacre in Syria

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Commenting on reports of a massacre in Jdaidet al-Fadl, a suburb of Damascus, in which more than 85 civilians, including women and children, were reportedly killed by Government forces, Foreign Secretary William Hague said:

I am appalled by the reports of the killing by Syrian Government forces of dozens of people, including women and children, in the town of Jdaidet Al-Fadl, a suburb of Damascus. This is yet another reminder of the callous brutality of the Assad regime and the terrible climate of impunity inside Syria.

It underlines the urgent need to bring the conflict in Syria to an end. At the Friends of Syria Core Group meeting with the Syrian opposition National Coalition in Istanbul we agreed to redouble efforts to reach a political resolution and increase support to the opposition, and I will be discussing these efforts with European Foreign Ministers today.

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